

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: EXHAUST GAS REFLUX APPARATUS FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Date: November 4, 2003

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as shown on the following pages: